(a) whether the price of formulations based on Analgin, Ampicillin, Metranidazole, Ethambutol and Doxycycline have been reduced after 15th May, 1985 on the basis of purchase price of each Drug of each formulator;

(b) if so, what is the extent of the price reduced of each pack and strength of each product based on each of the above mentioned drugs;

(c) what was the earlier and reduced price of each medicine;

(d) whether any claim notice was issued to any formulator after 15th May, 1985 for the deposit of difference between the purchase price and allowed price;

(e) if so, the names of each company and amount of the claim;

(f) by when the amount will be collected;

(g) what is the present notified price and market price of each drug and difference between each; and

(h) what steps are being taken to further reduce the prices?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) to (c) Leader prices which are exclusive of Excise Duty were reduced in respect of the following packs of Doxycycline formulations on 16th May, 1985:—

	Earlier Price	Revised Price
Doxycycline Caps. 100g/cap.		
2's	4·71	4·51
4's	7 34	6 87

The above price of Doxycycline formulations was reduced based on Doxycyline price of Rs. 5456 per kg. as fixed by the Government. No changes in the leader prices of formulations based on other bulk drugs have been made after 15th May, 1985.

(d) to (f) Notices have already been issued to the formulators using Ampicillin, Metronidazole, Ethambutol and Doxycycline and one manufacturer of Analgin formulations with a view to collect the details relating to purchase/procurement of these bulk drugs after the inception of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979. Name of the companies who have been issued notices have already been furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1844 for answer on 12th August, 1985. After the comprehensive details are received the amount due from each formulator would be worked out and collected in accordance with the due procedure of Law.

(g) and (h) The maximum sale prices of the drugs referred to as fixed under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 are given below:

S. No.	Name of the Drug	Price as fixed(kg.)
1	Analgin	224·00
2	Ampicillin Trihydrate	1677·00
3	Metronidazole	363·00
4	Ethambutol	681·00
5	Doxycycline	5456·00

The manufacturers of these drugs are free to sell at prices not exceeding the maximum sale prices as fixed by the Government. In respect of some of the Drugs further cost-cum-technical studies are already in progress.

Non-production of Analgin by Hoechst

1823. DR. JOSEPH LEON D' SOUZA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1190 given in the Rajya

Sabha on the 31st May, 1985 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hoechst is not producting Analgin and buying it from the market;

(b) if so, the quantity purchased during the last three years, year-wise alongwith the source of purchase and price paid per kg. against each purchase;

(c) what was the price of Analgin taken while fixing the prices of Novalgin range of formulations and what is the difference per kg.;

(d) how much unintended benefit was made by this company during the last three years, year-wise only on Novalgin range of formulations;

(e) whether it is a fact that sales turn over of Novalgin range of formulations is equivalent to sales turn over 25 drugs identified by Medical Experts; and

(f) if so, the names of the drugs which were identified as having sales turn over of less than rupees fifty lacs per annum per drug?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Information to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

(e) and (f) Bearing in mind the criteria followed for inclusion of drugs in the essential list by UNIDO, using the WHO list and the Hathi Committee list as the basis the medical experts who were Members of the Steering Committee drew up priority list of drugs. The sales turnover of individual drugs/formulations is not monitored.

Price Fixation of Drugs

1824. SHRI HAYAT ULLA ANSARI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 607 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th July, 1985 and state:

(a) when were the prices fixed for Betamethasone Alcohol, Betamethasone 17-Valorate and Betamethasone Di-Sodium Phosphate;

(b) whether the prices were fixed on the recommendations of Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices after technical and cost study:

(c) is so, what was the cost of production recommended and claimed by Glaxo;

(d) what were the reasons for not fixing the formulation prices along with fixation of bulk drug prices;

(e) when did the company applied for stay to the court and what were their grounds and details of decision to their stay application,

(f) whether it is a fact that the company is making unintended profit of fifteen crores every year at the cost of consumer on these items only; and

(g) what steps have been taken to expedite the issue so as to give relief to the poor consumer?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b) The prices of Betamethasone Alcohol, Betamethasone 17-Valerate and Betamethasone Di-Sodium Phosphate were reduced on the 12th May, 1981 based on the recommendations of the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices.

(c) The Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices sends confidential reports on the prices of drugs to my Ministry from time to time and therefore it is not possible to give details of cost of production recommended by the BICP and given by the company to the Government in confidence.

(d) to (g) Before the prices of formulations could be announced the company based on their writ petition of 30th June, 1981 obtained on Ist July, 1981 an interim stay against